



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 827

Senate, February 26, 2009

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARRIS of the 5th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BLOOD DONATION BY MINORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-285a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

3 Any person who is [seventeen] sixteen years of age or older shall
4 have the legal capacity, without written authorization of his or her
5 parent or guardian, to donate blood or any component thereof and to
6 consent to the withdrawal of blood from his or her body, in
7 conjunction with any voluntary blood donation program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2009	19a-285a
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PH Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill decreases the legal age of eligibility for blood donation from seventeen years-of-age to sixteen years-of-age and does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 827*****AN ACT CONCERNING BLOOD DONATION BY MINORS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows 16-year-olds to donate blood without the written authorization of a parent or guardian for purposes of a voluntary blood donation program. Under current law, an individual must be at least 17 years old to donate blood without parental consent.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (02/18/2009)